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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 106
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Melissa Leigh and Thomas F. Leatherwood on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Grace Leatherwood.

WHEREAS, on October 8, 1996, Hannah Grace Leatherwood entered into this world and immediately captivated all who were fortunate enough to see her; and

WHEREAS, weighing in at 9 pounds and 5 ounces and measuring in at 21 3/4 inches at birth, Hannah Grace has already taken charge of her life and uses her considerable leverage and charming smile to keep her parents at her beck and call; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Grace's exceptional parents are Melissa Leigh Leatherwood and Senator Thomas F. Leatherwood, III, of Bartlett, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, Melissa is now fully occupied with the care and training of their two daughters; and

WHEREAS, with her experience in early childhood education and her collegiate training in the liberal arts, Melissa will be well suited to nurture her daughters; and

WHEREAS, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Memphis State University, his teaching certification from Middle Tennessee State University, Tom is poised to join in the raising of a child destined to be a Nobel laureate; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Grace will learn from her parents not only the value of a first-rate education, but also the skills and savvy necessary to garner political power; and

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WHEREAS, Hannah Grace's grandparents, Thomas F. Leatherwood, Jr., who shares her birthday, and Lilma Mae Sides Leatherwood of Germantown, Tennessee, along with Estel Mills and Mary Ruth Holt Mills of Michie, Tennessee, stand ready to meet their new granddaughter's every whim and to fill her life with love and laughter; and

WHEREAS, in addition, they are prepared to divulge to their granddaughter heretofore unknown information about her parents' childhood exploits to be used as a bargaining tool, if the need arises; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Leatherwood Howard, Cherry Leatherwood Swann, Nelson Mills, Kevin Mills and Donna Mills Hasty are all delighted to have a new niece, and her first cousins eagerly await the day when Hannah Grace will join in their new revelry and shenanigans; and

WHEREAS, Max, their faithful dog, will be her playmate and protector; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it most appropriate to join Melissa Leigh and Senator Thomas F. Leatherwood III in the celebration of this joyous event; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That this body hereby honor and congratulate Melissa and Tom Leatherwood on the birth of Hannah Grace and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this body charge Hannah Grace with the weighty responsibility of challenging her father to hone his keen wit, fortify his patience and otherwise enhance his senatorial faculties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the Leatherwood family as a token of our great esteem and joy.